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SUBJECT: EXPEDITING RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES REMAINING IN
CAMP FOR MORE THAN 45 DAYS

FOR SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATORS

1. WE ARE RECEIVING CRITICISM ABOUT THE SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER
OF REFUGEES REMAINING IN CAMP WHO ARRIVED IN THE U.S. MORE
THAN 45 DAYS AGO. BELOW IS OUR SUGGESTED APPROACH TO DEAL-
ING WITH THIS PROBLEM. HOPEFULLY IT WILL (A) SURFACE CASES
WHICH HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED, (B) PREVENT RECURRENCES AND
IMPROVE MORALE, AND (C) HELP TO DEFINE CATEGORIES AND
NUMBERS OF REFUGEES WHO ARE NOT BEING PLACED EASILY.

PROPOSED POLICY:

A. REFUGEES IDENTIFIED AS HAVING ARRIVED IN THE U.S. MORE
THAN 45 DAYS AGO WOULD BE CONSIDERED "FAIR GAME" FOR OTHER
VOLAGS AND RESETTLEMENT CONTRACTORS TO PLACE. THE VOLAG
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COORDINATOR'S OFFICE WOULD MAINTAIN THE ROSTER OF SUCH

REFUGEES WHO COULD BE PLACED BY ANY OTHER RESETTLEMENT CONTRACTOR. IF SUCH PLACEMENT IS MADE, THE VOLAG COORDINATOR'S OFFICE WOULD SO INFORM THE INITIAL VOLAG.

B. ONLY AFTER THE REFUGEE IS SELECTED FOR SPONSORSHIP BY THE SECONDARY CONTRACTOR ARE THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE INITIAL VOLAG TERMINATED. IT IS IMPORTANT TO STRESS VOLAG RESPONSIBILITY. IF A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF REFUGEES ON THE VOLAG ROLLS HAVE BEEN IN THE U.S. MORE THAN 45 DAYS, YOU SHOULD CONSIDER STEPS TO AVOID THIS BACK-UP IN THE FUTURE, SUCH AS A CASELOAD LIMIT FOR EACH RESETTLEMENT CONTRACTOR.

2. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THIS PLAN IS TO INSURE THAT, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, REFUGEES ARE PLACED IN THE ORDER OF THEIR ARRIVAL AT THE CAMP. PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS ON THIS PROPOSED POLICY AND ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TOWARD THE SAME GOAL. IF YOU WISH TO INCLUDE COMMENTS BY VOLAGS IN CAMP ON AN UNOFFICIAL BASIS, PLEASE STRESS TO THEM THAT THIS IS A PRELIMINARY IDEA WHICH WE WILL EXPLORE FURTHER WITH VOLAG HEAD-QUARTERS AFTER WE HAVE YOUR SUGGESTIONS. PLEASE CABLE SUCH COMMENTS BY SUNDAY, JULY 27 1700 TO NORM ZIMLICH, IATF. ALSO INCLUDE, IF POSSIBLE, YOUR ESTIMATE OF THE NUMBER OF CASES/PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN THE U.S. MORE THAN 45 DAYS. THANK YOU. BUCK KELLY KISSINGER

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